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1. DURING CALL ON DEPUTY MINISTER KAMENTSEV APRIL 20 ON OTHER MATTERS (REF C), SCIATT ALSO RAISED QUESTION OF ACCEPTABILITY OF ARRANGEMENTS AND TIMING FOR BILATERAL FISHERIES NEGOTIATIONS (REFS A AND B). KAMENTSEV ACCEPTED HOTEL SCANDINAVIA AS SITE FOR BILATERALS AND INDICATED THAT MEMBERS OF SOVDEL WOULD ALSO LOOK INTO POSSIBILITY OF STAYING AT SCANDINAVIA FOR CONVENIENCE.

2. KAMENTSEV SEEMED DISTURBED BOTH BY SIZE OF ONE OF CONFERENCE ROOMS (SEVENTY PERSONS) AND BY DURATION (JUNE 17-30) FOR WHICH ROOMS ARE RESERVED. JUDGING FROM THIS INFORMATION, KAMENTSEV EXPRESSED FEAR THAT INTENTION OF US SIDE IS TO START MID- ATLANTIC NEGOTIATIONS FROM VERY BEGINNING AGAIN, NOT TAKING INTO ACCOUNT PROGRESS ALREADY MADE DURING JANUARY MOSCOW MEETINGS. HE SAID THAT NEARLY ALL QUESTIONS HAVE ALREADY BEEN THOROUGHLY DISCUSSED, AND ALL NECESSARY SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION HAS ALREADY BEEN MADE AVAILABLE AND STUDIED. KAMENTSEV STRESSED THAT SOVDEL WISHES TO DISCUSS ONLY THOSE FEW QUESTIONS LEFT UNRESOLVED IN MOSCOW, AND FOR THIS REASON ONLY ABOUT FIVE OR SIX PERSONS WILL BE IN SOVDEL. IF THIS IS NOT ALSO INTENTION
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OF US SIDE, HE INDICATED THAT THESE BILATERALS SHOULD BE CONTINUED IN MOSCOW OR WASHINGTON RATHER THAN IN COPENHAGEN.

3. KAMENTSEV CONTINUED THAT CONFERENCE ROOMS SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE EARLIER THAN JUNE 17, BECAUSE HE FEELS ICNAF WILL CONCLUDE ITS MEETINGS POSSIBLY ABOUT JUNE 13, IN WHICH CASE BILATERALS COULD BEGIN JUNE 14 OR 15. SCANDINAVIA HOTEL SHOULD THEREFORE ENSURE AVAILABILITY OF CONFERENCE ROOMS BEFORE JUNE 17 IF NECESSARY. HE BELIEVES THAT NO MORE THAN THREE DAYS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THE ACTUAL DISCUSSIONS. ADDING TIME FOR TYPING AGREEMENT AND OTHER MECHANICAL PARTS OF BILATERALS, HE ENVISIONS THAT SIGNING COULD TAKE PLACE BY JUNE 20.

4. SCIATT SAID IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT US SIDE ALSO INTENDED TO BEGIN COPENHAGEN BILATERAL WHERE MOSCOW TALKS LEFT OFF AND NOT TO COVER ALL GROUND AGAIN, I. E. THAT THE BASIC WORKING DOCUMENT WOULD BE PRELIMINARY DRAFT OF MID-ATLANTIC AGREEMENT PREPARED DURING MOSCOW BILATERALS AND THAT ATTENTION WOULD BE DEVOTED TO THOSE SEVERAL ISSUES STILL UNRESOLVED. (COMMENT: IF THIS IS NOT THE CASE, PLEASE ADVISE ASAP.) AS TO SIZE OF CONFERENCE ROOM, SCIATT EXPLAINED THAT LARGE ROOM WAS BOOKED SIMPLY ON BASIS OF AVAILABILITY AND COST WAS IDENTICAL REGARDLESS OF SIZE ANYWAY. FURTHERMORE, TWO- WEEK BOOKING WAS MADE AS PRECAUTION, BUT US SIDE HOPES NEGOTIATIONS WILL NOT EXCEED ONE WEEK.

5. KAMENTSEV SAID THAT HIS FULL- POWER AUTHORITY FOR SIGNING AGREEMENT IN COPENHAGEN HAD ALREADY BEEN DEPOSITED WITH US. PLEASE CONFIRM.
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